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Title: CONDUCTOR TRACK SUPPORTING LAYER FOR LAMINATING
INSIDE A CHIP CARD, CHIP CARD COMPRISING A
CONDUCTOR TRACK SUPPORTING LAYER, AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING A CHIP CARD

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached. Copies of the documents are not being provided since copies should have been provided directly by WIPO under an exchange program between the PTO, the EPO and the JPO. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

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